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Applicant(s): GANAPATHY et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
 Serial No.: 10/718,359 ) Examiner: Michael D. Pak  
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 Filed: November 20, 2003 )  
 For: NaCT AS A TARGET FOR LIFESPAN EXPANSION AND WEIGHT REDUCTION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
 Mail Stop Amendment  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from January 18, 2008 to March 18, 2008.

Please charge PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$230 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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